

2024

FIRST THOUGHTS

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



A Word With Pastor Chris

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| Cecially Breazeale | Sunshine & Rainbows Director |
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| Mandi Ressman | Youth Ministry Assistant/ Um Army Coordinator |

Contact FMC at any time, 24 hours a day, to let the church office know of hospitalizations, births, deaths, illnesses, or other concerns.

Beyond Biscuits

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." – Matthew 5:4

Brian Perry works at KPRC. He and his wife, Angie, were overjoyed when they had their son, Ethan. At age 12, Ethan was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic Lymphoma. For the next many months, Ethan endured many, many treatments. For a time, there was hope but when Ethan's condition deteriorated so much, Ethan made the brave decision to go home. He hadn't even reached his 13th birthday.

Before the trauma of cancer, the Perry family ate breakfast every Saturday at their local Chick-Fil-A. The family got breakfast biscuits and always sat at table 13 so they could see the sun.

Several weeks after Ethan's passing, Brian got up on a Saturday morning and decided to go to Chick-Fil-A. He ordered two biscuits, one for him and one for Ethan. Through tears he wasn't sure if he ate them or not.

After word got out about the family's loss, Brian went back to their Chick-Fil-A on a Saturday morning and there was a Reserved sign on table 13, as there would be every Saturday from then on. That is the power of a caring community.

Every March, the month of Ethan's passing, Brian and Angie take a trip to remember him. The director at their Chick-Fil-A made arrangements for them to visit CFA headquarters in Atlanta. When they got there they were greeted by a man named Ed Perry. 'Ed Perry?' they thought. 'He and Ethan have the same initials- EP- and everyone called him 'EP.' Ethan did this!' Of course, there were chicken breakfast biscuits waiting for them. The power of love can be quite strong in the face of loss.

The word 'restaurant' means 'to restore.' Sometimes a biscuit is more than a biscuit, especially in the hands of Christ-followers. Sometimes Church can be outside its walls; Right inside MD Anderson Cancer Center there is a Chick-Fil-A. It became a place of peace and comfort for the Perry family.

God works in every detail of our lives—even flour and water. Never underestimate the power of little things to bring comfort and hope. You never know when a caring word—or a simple 'Reserved' sign---can bring comfort.

Peace. Pastor Chris



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June Newsletter Deadline : May 28th

Altar Flowers

Please visit the link below to view available slots to sign-up or call/email the church office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAEAD2AAAFBC07-46957423-altar#/>

The Pastor's New Bible Study

'The Case For Christ'

May 14th at 10am in The Parlor

If you would like to pre-order the book yourself, the title is
'The Case for Christ Bible Study Guide Revised Edition'



Date

Worship

Offering

| | | |
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| 4/7 | 66 | 3354.00 |
| 4/14 | 73 | 4457.00 |
| 4/21 | 86 | 1132.00 |
| 4/28 | TBD | TBD |
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Attendance and Offering for the month of April

Volunteers wanted.
Sign-ups for the Prayer Room is at
the Welcome Center.
Contact George Durett for more information.

**PRAYER
ROOM**

Girl's Time Out

It's tea time without the tea!

May 3rd~ 12pm ~Youth Building

Come join us for Devotions based on tea cups.

Bring a sack lunch and a tea cup to gift!

(Last one till September)

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*

*Thank you to Everyone
who purchased
Easter Lilies.*

The Altar Guild

Blessing Box Donations

We will start collecting items to distribute to all of the blessing boxes around town. We will also create an information card to let our community know that we are praying for them.

All donations will be collected in a box located in the Narthex.

Nonperishable Foods

- canned foods
- box meals
- granola bars

Hygiene Items

- toothpaste/toothbrush
- soap
- shampoo
- feminine products
- baby items (wipes/diapers)



**HERITAGE
SUNDAY**

You ought to be in pictures.....

The Heritage committee needs your help. On May 19, Heritage Sunday, committee members will be in the Narthex with some historical pictures that have members in them that need identifying. Please stop by and see who you know. You might see your mom, uncle, or a friend in a picture you've never seen before. Come by before or after church service. Your help is greatly appreciated in preserving our church history!

SUNDAY POTLUCK

May 19th

We have lots to
celebrate on May 19th.

- Heritage Sunday
- Senior Sunday
- Scholarships
- Confirmation
- Stewardship Sunday

*Be on the lookout for
an email with Google
sign-up sheet to help
volunteer!*

PRAYER GARDEN PROJECT

Come help us plant
some plants and
flowers in our new
prayer garden.

May 11 at 9:00AM

Plants will be available, however,
feel free to bring your own.

Missions



Pregnancy Center communion donation from Glory Guild



Welcome & Worship Center!

Welcoming new members and visitors with information and guidance for our church's programs and activities here at FMC is very important to us.

If you would like to volunteer to man our new welcome center, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

ADULT MINISTRIES

We believe that true Christian community is about more than attending a Sunday gathering. We love worshipping together, but it is important to us that you are known outside of just Sundays.

We believe sustained life-change happens best in small groups.

We have groups for every age and stage of life. We want you to have a relational home with a group of people who follow Jesus together, whether that is through a class, a small group, or a Bible study.

Programming

FRIENDSHIP CLASS: Sundays 9AM (in the Parlor)

GOOD NEWS CLASS: Sundays 9AM

FAMILY OF FAITH: Tuesdays 5:30PM-6:30PM

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 10AM (seasonal)

MISSIONS

We will mobilize people and resources both in our city and abroad to glorify God, share the gospel, and help those in need.

There is so much that God has put on our hearts to pursue, and we believe we have been given everything we need to accomplish all of it.

Ongoing Opportunities

FOOD VOUCHER MINISTRY
Every 3rd Thursday 8:30AM-10AM

HARVEST HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

PRISON MINISTRY

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING SUNDAY?

MUSIC

The Music Ministry of First Methodist Church is mission-minded, striving to take the gospel of Jesus into our community and the world. Worship is our response of love to the God who first loved us. If you or your children love to use your talents to make a joyful noise to the Lord, consider joining one of our choirs.

Weekly Programming

PRAISE TEAM : Sundays 8:30AM
(Singers, Band, Tech Team)

CHANCEL CHOIR : Wednesdays 7PM
(childcare available if requested one week in advance)

PRAISE RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR : August - May
Wednesdays 5:30PM

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY
10:00 AM
FAMILY WORSHIP
IN THE
SANCTUARY



Children and Youth ministries focuses on laying a Biblical foundation, planting seeds of faith, and digging deep into God's word. We believe that faith formation happens both in the church and in the home, and want to come alongside parents to equip and empower them to be leaders in their child's spiritual journey!

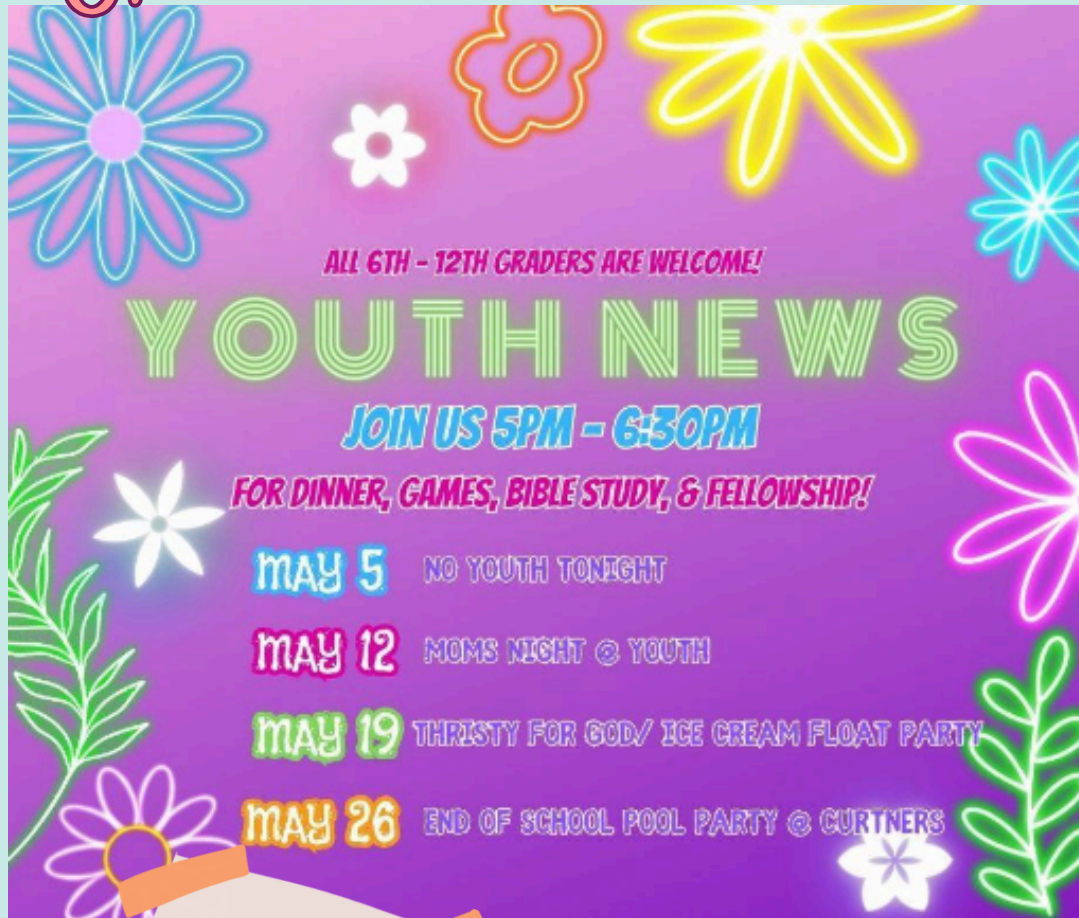
Children and Youth Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sundays 10AM
(except 1st Sundays) 4yr old's through 5th graders welcomed

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CLASSES: Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday @5PM. Ages 6th-12th Grade @ 5-6:30PM. We will meet in Wesley Hall for dinner, but pick up will be from the Youth Bldg.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & YOUTH



ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME!

YOUTH NEWS

JOIN US 5PM - 6:30PM

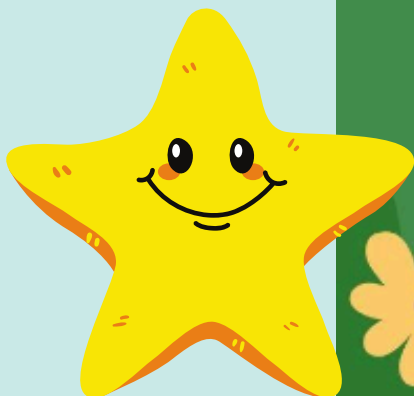
FOR DINNER, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, & FELLOWSHIP!

MAY 5 NO YOUTH TONIGHT

MAY 12 MOMS NIGHT @ YOUTH

MAY 19 THIRSTY FOR GOD/ ICE CREAM FLOAT PARTY

MAY 26 END OF SCHOOL POOL PARTY @ CURTNER'S



GROW YOUR FAITH AT

Children's Church

MAY 5TH - INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL @9AM

MAY 12 - GOD LOVES MOMS

MAY 19 - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 26 - GROW IN GOD

AGE 4 - 5TH GRADERS WELCOME!

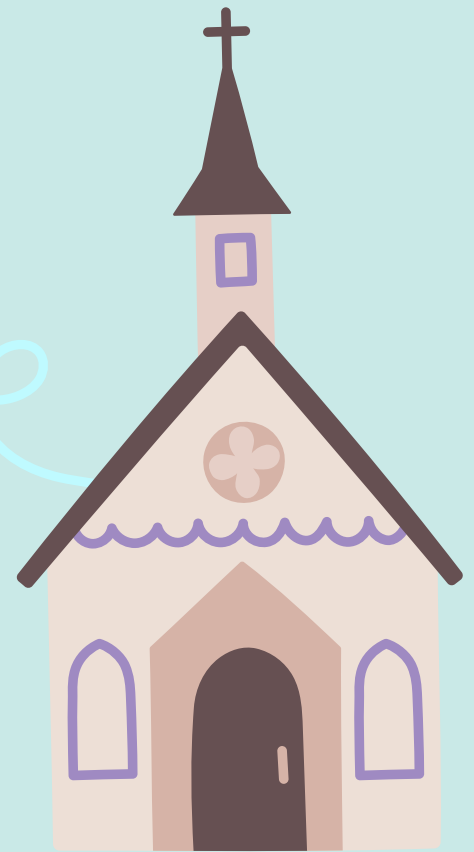
Intergenerational Sunday School

"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN" are Welcome!

Join us May 5th @ 9AM in the Youth Bldg
Bible Lesson ~ Craft ~ Breakfast



Contact Lynsey
979-240-4006
to be paired with
a friend from
Children's
Church!



Church Nursery

IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY
FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YR OLDS

Mandi Resman - Nursery Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE!



Camp Firelight

A SUMMER CAMP

Psalm 56:3

ADVENTURE WITH GOD

FMC VBS: JUNE 16-20 5PM-7:30PM

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE REGISTRATION
LINK! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED -
CONTACT LYNSEY 979-240-4006





MAY 2024



SCOUT

News

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 45

Beef Brisket Barbeque

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
WESLEY HALL

Eat-In, Drive-Thru & Take Out

\$15.⁰⁰

MAY 5 BAR-B-QUE \$ 15

CUB PACK 4545

On April 25th the Cubs crossed over to their new rank. This was held in the First Methodist Courtyard. The Cubs will be doing several summertime activities between now and the start of school in late August.

TROOP 45 for BOYS

SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024, IS BAR-B-QUE

This is the only fundraiser for Troop 45

Tickets available from any Troop 45 member

The weekend of April 26 – 28 the Troop attended Full Throttle Weekend at Camp Strake near Coldspring.

TROOP 145 for GIRLS

ON April 11th the Spring Court of Honor was held and Merit Badges and Ranks were passed out. The Scouts held a Bake Sale on April 20th at TRACTOR SUPPLY (Near Wal Mart).

Both troops are preparing for summer camp June 2-8 at Trevor Rees- Jones Scout Camp near Athens, TX.



Birthday Date

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Robbie Henske | 1 |
| Marci Williams | 1 |
| Mark Williams | 8 |
| Brian Cunningham | 10 |
| Thomas Reis | 10 |
| Catie Coulter | 12 |
| Margot Helmick | 14 |
| Sarah Woolsey | 14 |
| Glenn Chambless | 15 |
| Billie Jean Reynal | 15 |
| Mollie Allen | 18 |
| Mandi Resson | 18 |
| Genevieve Byrn | 19 |
| Jon Claybourn Jr. | 19 |
| Linda Ging | 19 |
| James McDonald | 19 |
| Cindy Carroll | 22 |
| Cash Chambless | 26 |
| Guy Reis | 26 |
| Alise Wilson | 30 |



Anniversary Date

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Wyatt & Beverly Schulz | 18 |
| Dick & Betty Walton | 26 |



Birthdays & Anniversaries

WANT TO BE INCLUDED...?

IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR BIRTH DATE OR ANNIVERSARY ON FILE, WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR CELEBRATORY WISHES!

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 245-4627 OR EMAIL:FUMCBC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Please Pray For:

Israel
Louise Teutsch
Mary Ellen Reynolds
Simon Desoto
Audry Griggs
Michelle and Marcel Poirrier
B.J. Reynal
Deborah Machicek
Steve Sliva
Luis Camacho
Russell Lidberg, Jr.
Marilyn Lidberg
George Adams
John Wells
Barry Fry

Judy Pennington
Taylor Smith
Diana Ruiz
Collin Gann
Kaye Claybourn
Melissa Foster's dad
Greg - Terry & Michelle's friend
Sarah McDonald Mirelez
John Greenway
Eleanor May & Family
Don Storey
Ty Pressley and his family
Donna Rice
Ira Rose
Tim Ridgeway

~Please provide updates for Prayer Concerns when you are aware of them~

Hello MAY

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MAYO

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATUDAY |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 6AM Reunion Meeting | 3 CHURCH CLOSED G.T.O 12pm- Youth Building | 4 |
| 5 Communion 8:30am Praise Team 9am Intergenerational 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship Scouts BBQ 5pm FMC Youth Group | 6 | 7 5:30pm Faith & Family | 8 5:30 pm Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm Troop 45 | 9 6AM Reunion Meeting 7pm Troop 145 | 10 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE | 11 9am Prayer Garden Youth/Children project |
| 12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm FMC Youth Group | 13 | 14 Pastor's Bible Study 10am - The Parlor 5:30pm Faith & Family | 15 7pm Choir 7:30pm Troop 45 | 16 6AM Reunion Meeting 8:30am-10am Food Pantry 7pm Troop 145 | 17 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE 9am-12pm Glory Guild Youth Building | 18 |
| 19 Heritage Day Confirmation, McAllister Scholarship Senior Sunday, Potluck luncheon 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm FMC Youth Group | 20 | 21 Pastor's Bible Study 10am - The Parlor 5:30pm Faith & Family | 22 7pm Choir 7:30pm Troop 45 | 23 6AM Reunion Meeting 7pm Troop 145 | 24 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE | 25 |
| 26 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm FMC Youth Group | 27 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE Newsletter Deadline | 28 Pastor's Bible Study 10am - The Parlor 5:30pm Faith & Family | 29 7pm Choir 7:30pm Troop 45 | 30 7pm Troop 145 | 31 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE | DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, MAKE IT happen. |

